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**REPORT.**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,**

MONTGOMERY, ALA., September 15, 1898.

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To HIS EXCELLENCY,  
JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON,  
Governor of Alabama.

MY DEAR SIR:

Under the statutes of Alabama, the Superintendent of Education of the State is required to make bi-ennial reports of all the educational interests of the State to the Governor; and when the same meet his approval he may direct the Superintendent of Education to have the same published, in such numbers as he may deem necessary, for public distribution. Having completed my report on the subject of Normal Schools of the State, under this requirement of law, I now herewith submit to your Excellency a full bi-ennial report of the nine Experiment Stations and Agricultural Schools recently established in our State; and ask that you allow me to publish in pamphlet form a sufficient number of copies for public distribution, that the general public may be informed as to what has been accomplished by these Schools, the cost of maintenance, and the sources from

which this aid is obtained. I deem this highly important, for the following reasons, viz:

First. These Schools, as their names indicate, are *experiments*, now in their infancy, and I deem it highly important that the people should fully understand their nature, sources of revenue, and mode of operation, before attempting to encourage or discourage their progress.

Second. In view of this innovation of our "School System," imposing so many new and responsible duties upon the Superintendent of Education, some means must be provided to give more aid in clerical assistance of the Department of Education, in order that the best results may be achieved.

Third. Suspicion has been aroused all over the State, that all our State Schools are operated entirely at the expense of the "Common School System," and, these State Institutions being so numerous, that all, or nearly all, the time allowed for supervision of the Schools of the State, is taken up with these State Schools—to the prejudice of the Common School System.

Fourth. The public mind is now so thoroughly aroused upon this subject that many legislators have been elected upon this issue; and doubtless at the meeting of the next General Assembly much discussion will be provoked upon this vital issue.

For these, and many other reasons too numerous to mention in this connection, I desire to submit the facts, so that our legislators, and all interested in this matter, may know them, and act intelligently upon this important matter that should interest our entire Commonwealth. Therefore I know of no better manner to accomplish this end than to publish, under your direction, the full and complete workings of these Schools for the past two years.

In has been my earnest desire, from the day of my induction into office, to discharge my whole duty to each and every citizen of the State, upon all matters with which I have been intrusted. In view of this fact, I pray your Excellency will consent that this report be made a public document, that the people may shoulder their own responsibilities, and the burden be taken from those who originated them, if such be the case.

Thanking your Excellency for continued favors of kindness in the discharge of all my official duties at all times and under all circumstances, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

JOHN O. TURNER,  
State Superintendent Education.

**PART 1—First District.**

REPORT OF THE

**JACKSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

FOR THE YEAR 1896-97,

BY

THOMAS C. CLYCE, PRINCIPAL,

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JACKSON, CLARKE COUNTY, ALA., July 20, 1897  
To HON. JNO. O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:

I.	Number of students enrolled, male and female :	
1.	Male.....	100
	Female.....	94
	Total.....	194
II.	The number in each class or department, male and female :	
	PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.	
	Male.....	26
	Female.....	25
	Total.....	51

## PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Male.....	47
Female.....	41
Total.....	88

## COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.

Male.....	30
Female.....	25
Total.....	55

Total..... 194

III. The number of courses or schools taught in the college:

- School of languages.
- School of Mathematics.
- School of English Philosophy.
- School of Art.
- School of music.
- Business Department.

IV. The number of students in each of these courses or schools:

## SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES.

Male.....	50
Female.....	44
Total.....	94

## SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS.

Male.....	85
Female.....	80
Total.....	165

## SCHOOL OF ENGLISH AND PHILOSOPHY.

Male.....	90
Female.....	80
Total.....	170

## SCHOOL OF ART.

Male.....	3
Female.....	3
Total.....	6

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Male.....	4
Female.....	33
Total.....	37

## BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

Male.....	11
Female.....	3
Total.....	14

V. The number of graduates, and from what schools or courses, male and female:

None.

VI. The number of professors and teachers, and salaries paid each, including the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nine.

T. S. Clyce, President.....	\$1,300 00
E. S. Pugh.....	963 88
J. W. Culver.....	220 00
Miss Lucia Phillips.....	315 00
Mrs. D. M. Aldridge.....	302 00
Miss Willie F. Crum.....	360 00
Miss Wilda Powe.....	113 00
Dr. G. S. Chapman.....	433 50

P. E. Townsley, (Bus. Dept. on merit)  
Secretary and Treasurer, no salary.

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Total.....	\$4,007 38
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VII. The total amount paid for the running expenses of the College, including improvemens of the grounds, repairs on buildings, advertising, traveling expenses, etc.. itemized.

Rent of Pianos.....	\$116 25
School Furniture.....	582 19
Chattanooga Steel Roofing Co..	142 17
Capital City Fire Insurance Co.	135 00
Freight on Guns.....	5 39
Janitor.....	98 75
Watchman.....	23 50
Coal.....	89 93
Stationery and Printing.....	39 00
Hauling and moving Pianos...	3 50
Repairing Piano.....	6 00
6 Easels and 4 Tables.....	6 40
Treasures Expenses to Mobile and Montgomery.....	29 55
Postal Telegraph Company....	5 65
A. M. Wing for Brown, Buch. ets, Lime & Co.....	36 20
Chilton Lumber Co., for lumber	8 87
F. S. Pugh, traveling expenses.	19 30
Art Material.....	9 60
Advertising.....	3 00 \$1,359 75
Toal.....	\$5,367 13

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VII. The resources of the College for the year, and from what sources derived, including tuition, incidentals, &c., collected—itemized:

Total amt. rec'd from State..	\$4,824	30
Total amt. rec'd from music and Art.....	519	41
Total amt. rec'd from Matric- ulation.....	722	50
		\$ 6,066 21
Balance on hand.....	\$	699 08

IX. Number of States and counties represented in the school:  
States, 4, Counties 7.

X. The average cost to the student taking the course of studies prescribed, per annum, itemized:

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Matriculation Fee.....	\$	5 00
Board, \$8 per month.....		72 00
Books.....		4 00
Total.....	\$	81 00

#### PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Matriculation fee.....	\$	5 00
Board, \$8 per month.....		72 00
Books.....		8 00
Total.....	\$	85 00

## COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.

Matriculation Fee.....	\$ 5 00
Board, \$8 per month.....	72 00
Books.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 89 00

Music, Art and Business, \$3.00 per month.

XI. The value of all buildings and equipments, lands, endowments, etc., itemized.

College Building and Furniture.\$6,000

College Farm..... 1.000

Total.....	\$ 7,000 00
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XII. The greatest need of the College at present:  
Money, more money.

XIII. The prospects of the school for another year:  
*Very fine.*

XIV. General remarks in the interest of education in general :

Our college is reaching, with a higher education, many who could never attend the University of Auburn. If sufficient money can be secured to keep these schools within the reach of the poor, they will revolutionize the educational interests of the State and materially aid in bringing our State to the front. I fear the least act of the Legislature has crippled us to an extent.

Most respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. CLYCE, President

Jackson Agricultnral College.

PART II.—Second District.

REPORT OF THE

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA AGRICUL-  
TURAL SCHOOL.

FOR

SESSION OF 1896-7,

BY

J. A. LINER, PRINCIPAL.

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EVERGREEN, ALA., July 22, 1897.

HON. JOHN Q. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

In compliance with a law and at your request, I here-with submit a report of the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School for the session of 1896-97, ending June 2, 1897. With the exercises of the last commencement, closed the fourth session of this school, and I am pleased to be able to report it as a session marked by progress both as to the increased number of pupils in attendance and the character of the work done.

Our roll book shows an attendance in all departments of 353 pupils—179 males and 174 females—representing fourteen counties in the State; whose average ages by actual investigation was found to be fifteen years. From

the increased attendance, from year to year, since its establishment four years ago, and from other indications, I feel justified in saying that the school is increasing its influence throughout this section of the State.

To give you a correct and definite idea of the scope and character of the work being done, I give below the different branches of study pursued and the number of pupils—males and females—in each branch. Of course, several of these branches are sub-divided for convenience into several classes and the work distributed among the teachers :

STUDIES PURSUED AND NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH.

	Males.	Females.
Orthography.....	167	160
Penmanship.....	160	152
Manual Geography.....	40	34
United States History.....	48	64
Arithmetic.....	98	74
Geometry.....	4	2
Agriculture.....	17	..
Chemistry.....	3	1
Geology.....	2	1
Civil Government.....	5	10
Rhetoric.....	6	10
French .....	25	22
Reading.....	144	136
English Grammar.....	48	64
Physical Geography.....	17	22
General History.....	25	22
Algebra.....	35	40
Trigonometry.....	4	2
Physics .....	25	20

## STUDIES PURSUED, ETC.—Continued.

Physiology .....	24	22
Botany .....	8	6
English Literature .....	7	9
Latin .....	20	30

The above work may be divided into six courses, or schools, with the following number of pupils—male and female—in each school:

- Classical—Males 45; females 52.
- Literary—Males 170; females 164.
- Scientific—Males 78; females 60.
- Music—Males 1; females 25.
- Elocution—Males 7; females 33.
- Art—Males 1; females 11.

Since the establishment of the school four years ago, thirteen young men and young ladies have completed the entire course of study prescribed in our curriculum, as follows: Class of 1894–5, one young man and three young ladies. Class of 1895–6, two young men and seven young ladies, and were granted diplomas with titles of full graduates. No pupils were graduated the last session.

## FACULTY.

Our faculty consists of regular teachers, with stated salaries, and two, the teacher of music, and the teacher of art and elocution, who receive the income of their respective departments; and are as follows:

J.A. Liner, Principal, Collegiate department,	salary \$1200
C. B. Glenn, 1st Ass't	" " "
L. W. Payne, 2d	" " "
Miss Laura V. Stallworth, High School	" " 600

## FACULTY—Continued.

Miss Imogen Russell, Preparatory departm't, salary..	\$400
Miss Sallie Bruner, Primary	" " 300
Miss Willie Cunningham, Primary	" " 250
Miss Josephine Lovelace, Music; income estimated.	500
Miss Julia Daughdrill, Elocution and Art, income estimated.....	300

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following are the receipts and disbursements of the school for the session of ten scholastic months of 1896-97, ending June 2:

## RECEIPTS.

Direct State appropriation.....	\$2,500
One-ninth of funds, arrising from the sale of fertilizer tags to April 2, 1897, over and above twenty-five cents a ton, the part of which has been received to date.....	800
Incidental fees.....	1,378
Public school funds.....	408
Total .....	\$5,086

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries.....	\$4,350
Incidental expenses, including fuel, lights, janitor's wages, repairs of damages to buildings and furniture, insurance, expenses of commencement, &c.	607

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Continued.

Catalogues, printing, advertisement, &c.....	79
Expenses of meeting of the Board of Control.....	15
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Total .....	\$5,051
Balance on hand.....	35

## VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The value of the lands, buildings, equipments, etc., belonging to the school is as follows:

Lands.....	\$ 2,600
Buildings .....	12,000
Equipments.....	2,000
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Total.....	\$16,600

## AVERAGE COST OF A PUPIL PER SESSION.

The average cost of a pupil, pursuing the regular course, per session of ten months, is as follows:

Incidental fee.....	\$ 5
Board .....	80
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Total .....	\$85

Owing to the very heavy expense incurred by the Board of Control purchasing lands, erecting and equipping the necessary buildings, and otherwise establishing the school; the full amount of apparatus and other supplies necessary to do thorough and satisfactory work has not yet been furnished the school. Our most pressing need in this respect at present is a sufficiently complete set of chemical and philosophical apparatus, and

the necessary chemicals to illustrate before the classes the subject matter taught in the text-books.

The school has established a nucleus of about two hundred carefully selected volumes for a library, which is steadily being added to by pupils and friends of the school. The great number of books withdrawn and read from time to time, during the past session, by pupils from all departments; and the daily and almost hourly consultation of the books of reference, leads us to believe that no one feature of our school is likely to be more popular, or calculated to exert a more lasting and beneficial effect on the student body than our library.

#### COURSE IN AGRICULTURE.

Under the act establishing this school, the one under which the course in agriculture for the past session was arranged; only young men who desired to pursue this course, and who had a sufficient knowledge of geology, chemistry, physical geography, physics, and some other branches necessary to comprehend and be instructed by the terms used in text-books on agriculture, were given a course in that study from text-books.

In concluding this report, I will say that the prospects for the school are very flattering indeed, and if no epidemic disease, or other misfortune befalls the school, I confidently believe the next session will witness the largest enrollment in its history.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINER, Principal.

Approved: N. Stallworth,

President of Board of Control.

PART III.—Third District.

REPORT OF THE

SOUTH-EAST ALABAMA AGRICUL-  
TURAL SCHOOL

FOR TERM 1896-7,

BY

BOARD OF CONTROL,

Per J. B. WARD.

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ABBEVILLE, ALA., July 23

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

State Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—Under the law, and in pursuance with your request of and instructions of July 12th, we, the Board of Control of the South-East Alabama Agricultural School and Station, herewith respectfully submit the following report of said school and Station for the year 1896-7. Your questions are answered by number in the order they are asked:

I. Males enrolled.....	128
Females enrolled.....	87
Total.....	215
II. We have no means of ascertaining.	

III. The School has never been arranged into courses or schools. It has never been graded in the sense of a Normal School.

IV. Answered and explained by answer to question number three.

V. No degrees conferred in the past; school never authorized to confer degrees until this year.

VI. Two male teachers and two female teachers in the school last year. Principal received \$700.00, First Assistant received \$600.00, Miss McAllister received \$375.00 and Miss Ward received \$350.00; total paid Teachers \$2,025.00.

VII. 1897, January 26, by amount paid on school building.....	\$ 3,841 22
1897, June 1, by amount paid teach- ers.....	2,025 00
1897, June 1, by amount paid for station and farm expenses.....	288 43
1897, June 1, by incidental expenses.	209 64
1897, June 1, by traveling expenses.	65 00
1897, June 1, by Commencement expenses.....	56 50
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Total paid out for the year....	\$ 6,125 79

VIII. 1896, October 1, amount on hand reserved from appropriations of 1893-4 and 1895 to improve build- ings and grounds.....	\$ 2,624 48
1896, November 2, to cash from the State.....	1,558 00
1897, January 1, to quarterly pay- ment from State. ....	750 00
1897, January 16, to tag tax fund from State.....	450 83

1897, March 30, to Public School fund from township . . . . .	400 00
1897, April 20, to quarterly payment from State . . . . .	750 00
1897, June 1, to tag tax fund from State . . . . .	800 00
1897, June 1, to incidental fees . . . . .	30 00
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Total on hand and received since October 1, 1896 . . . . .	\$ 7,448 17
Balance on hand now, July 23, 1897.	1,322 38
IX. Two States and four counties.	
X. Board per annum \$80 to \$90: Matriculation and incidental fees per annum \$10; that cost per annum . . . . .	100 00
XI. New school lot . . . . .	\$ 400
Building commenced, when completed . . . . .	9,000
Old School lot and building . . . . .	700
Station and farm . . . . .	1,000
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Total value of State property here.	\$ 11,100 00

XII. The completion and furnishing of School building now in course of erection.

XIII. If the school building can be completed and furnished, the prospects for the school are far better than they have ever been; but if building is not finished, they are not good.

This report is very meager and unsatisfactory, but under the circumstances it is the best we can make. The principal of our school for last year was not re-elected and he did not make out any report of his year's work; he is away now, and has all the books and records pertaining to the active school work, hence we are unable to give

any accurate figures with reference to classes or numbers.

In the future we expect for our school to be run and conducted strictly on college principles, having regular courses of study and conferring degrees when these have been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF CONTROL OF S. E. ALA. SCHOOL AND STA'N.

Per J. B. WARD,

**PART IV.—SIXTH DISTRICT.**

**REPORT OF THE**

**WEST ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL**

**FOR THE YEAR 1896-97,**

**BY**

**JAMES E. ALEXANDER, PRINCIPAL.**

HAMILTON, ALA., August 4, 1897,

To HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

State Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

1. Students enrolled :

Males.....	156
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Females .....	73
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Total.....	229
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II. Number, each department :

1. Primary—

Males.....	30
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Females.....	20
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Total.....	50
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2.	Intermediate—		
	Males .....	22	
	Females .....	18	—
	Total .....	40	
3.	High school—		
	Males .....	15	
	Females .....	10	—
	Total .....	25	
4.	Collegiate—		
	Males .....	89	
	Females .....	25	—
	Total .....	114	

III. Number of courses or schools, eight.

IV. Number in each school :

1.	Mathematics.		
	Males .....	126	
	Females .....	53	—
	Total .....	179	
2.	English—		
	Males .....	124	
	Females .....	52	—
	Total .....	176	
3.	Science—		
	Males .....	102	
	Females .....	25	—
	Total .....	127	
4.	Latin—		
	Males .....	56	
5.	Agriculture—		
	Males .....	58	

	Females . . . . .	30
	Total . . . . .	86
6.	Horticulture—	
	Males . . . . .	10
	Female . . . . .	5
	Total . . . . .	15
7.	Floriculture—	
	Females . . . . .	12
8.	History—	
	Males . . . . .	45
	Females . . . . .	25
	Total . . . . .	70
V.	Number of graduates, none.	
VI.	Salaries of Teachers:	
	President . . . . .	\$ 900.
	First Assistant . . . . .	750
	Second Assistant . . . . .	420
	Third Assistant . . . . .	400
	Fourth Assistant . . . . .	400
	Total . . . . .	\$2870
	Number of teachers six, including music.	
VII.	Expenses:	
	Improvements on grounds . . . . .	\$ 78 75
	Annex to building . . . . .	599 00
	Repairs of building . . . . .	
	Advertising . . . . .	45 50
	Janitor and wood . . . . .	71 00
	Rent on piano . . . . .	42 95

Incidental supplies..... 96 00

Total ..... \$933 20

VII. Resources:

State Appropriation..... \$ 2,738 89

Public School Funds..... 91 50

Incidentals ..... 285 50

Tuition ..... 38 00

Total..... \$3,153 89

Teachers' salaries to April should  
be above appropriation..... \$1,955 00

Total ..... \$5,108 89

IX. Number of States represented four; number of  
counties represented, six,

X. Average cost per pupil:

Board..... \$ 60 00

Fees..... 2 50

Books..... 10 00

Total ..... \$72 50

XI. Valuation of school property:

Building ..... \$3,000

Apparatus..... 150

Furniture ..... 250

Land ..... 600

Total..... \$4,000

XII. The greatest need of the school at this time is  
a fund sufficient to supply better equipment for the  
proper demonstration of science. It seems that a larger  
appropriation would aid the school very much. The  
school feels the need of a library—especially one of ref-

erence books. Many things of great importance can be named.

XIII. The prospects are good for the ensuing year.

XIV. Remarks of President of Board on Education in general.

"More attention should be given to scientific agriculture."

Very respectfully submitted.

J. E. ALEXANDER, Principal.

PART V.—Seventh District.

REPORT OF THE

SEVENTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL & EXPERIMENT STATION.

SESSION 1896-97.

BY

W.M. F. FEAGIN, PRESIDENT.

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ALBERTVILLE, ALA., July 14, 1897.

To HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

I. Number of students enrolled past session, 326—  
males, 177; females, 149.

II. Number of students in each department:

	Males.	Females.
Primary and Intermediate.....	86	93—179
Collegiate .....	91	56—147
Total.....	326	

III-IV. The past session the school was divided into grades from one to ten, and every student was required to take the studies of his grade—except a few special students, who were allowed to select their studies from one or more grades.

Next session the school will be divided into two departments, viz: Preparatory and Collegiate. The

Preparatory will consist of two years work, and the Collegiate of four years work.

The entrance examination of this institution now consists of the elements of Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Writing.  
(We send you by this mail a catalogue.)

V. Number of graduates twelve (12)—male 6, female 6.

VI. Number of teachers during the past session, and salaries each, as follows:

President or Principal.....	\$1,000 00
First Assistant.....	750 00
Second Assistant.....	700 00
Two Assistants, \$350 each.....	700 00
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Total.....	\$3,150 00

The last four months of the session, on account of the lower grades being so crowded, two students were appointed from the senior class to assist Intermediate teachers, at \$20 per month, and they taught alternately.

Total amount paid for this work.....\$ 80 00

Total amount paid for teaching.....\$3,230 00

The teachers of Art, Elocution and Music, take those departments on their merits. So there were nine (9) teachers in all.

The Secretary and Treasurer have received since the organization of the institution, February 5th, 1894, about \$245.00:

Secretary.....	\$ 25 00
Treasurer.....	220 00
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	\$245 00

Heretofore they have not been members of the Board, but now the Secretary and Treasurer is a member of the Board, and is one and the same person.

VII. (See Supplement).

VIII. (See Supplement).

IX. We had ones tudent from Florida this year; the others all from Alabama. The counties represented in school this year were seven, viz: Etowah, Marshall, Tallapoosa, Blount, Cherokee, Elmore and Madison.

X. Average cost of a student:

Board (including fuel and lights and washing) per annum.....	\$ 80 00
Matriculation fees .....	6 00
Total cost.....	\$ 86 00

XI. The value of all buildings is about...\$5,200 00  
 " " " equipments..... 1,200 00  
 " " " lands..... 1,500 00

We get \$2,500 from the State per annum, *provided* it is not otherwise appropriated.

XII. The greatest need of the College at present is *more money*.

XIII. The prospects of the school for another year are *good*.

Respectfully Submitted,

W.M. F. FEAGIN, Principal.

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#### SUPPLEMENT.

Report of Seventh District Agricultural School, from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897:

1896.

July 10, Am't received from State..\$625 00

14, " " " " .. 58 66

Oct. 3, " " " " .. 625 00

## SUPPLEMENT—Continued.

1896.

Dec. 18, Matriculation fees from  
Aug. 2 to Dec. 18.....\$421 50

1897.

Jan. 7, Am't received from State.. \$625 00  
" " " " exp.

station and land rent.. 63 40

Mar. 4, Am't received from State.. 450 83

April 23, " " " " .. 625 00

May 13, Matriculation fees from  
Dec. 28, '96, to May 13, '97 468 00

June 1, Am't received from State.. 800 00—\$4,762 39

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries for teachers 2 mo's previous

session ..... \$ 630 00

President's salary..... 1,000 00

1st Assistant's salary..... 750 00

2nd " " ..... 700 00

Two Assistants, \$350 each..... 700 00

Extra " ..... 80 00

Janitor's salary..... 156 25

Supt. of Farm and Labor..... 275 00

Amount paid for coal, repairs, inci-  
dentials, &c. .... 400 24—\$4,691 49

Balance in Treasury..... \$ 70 90

PART VI.—Eighth District.

REPORT OF THE

NORTH ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL.

FOR SESSION 1896-7,

BY

M. K. CLEMENTS,

PRINCIPAL.

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ATHENS, ALA., July 16, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—I hand you herewith the report called for which is as follows:

I. The number of students enrolled: Males, 200; females 108.

II. The number in each department:

	Males.	Females.
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Primary.....	41	29
Preparatory.....	53	36
Collegiate.....	106	43

III. Number of Schools taught: Five.

## IV. Number in each School:

	Males.	Females.
High School.....	94	65
Collegiate.....	106	43
Music.....	6	24
Art .....	4	11
Elocution.....	6	5

V. The number of Graduates: Males 1, Females 2.

## VI. Number of Teachers, 7; at the following salaries:

President.....	\$ 2,000 00
First Assistant .....	750 00
Second Assistant .....	700 00
Third Assistant .....	400 00
Fourth Assistant .....	400 00
Elocution and Art and Music Teachers take their classes on their merits	
Secretary and Treasurer, each.....	50 00

## VII. Total amount paid for running expenses of the College:

Salary of Teacher .....	\$ 4,250 00
Incidental expenses.....	250 00
Improvement of buildings.....	500 00
Improvement of grounds.....	125 00
Advertising .....	50 00

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Total..... \$ 5,175 00

## VIII. Resources of the School for the year:

State appropriation .....	\$ 3,000 00
Tax.....	2,800 00
Matriculation fees .....	800 00
Total.....	\$ 6,600 00

IX. Four States and ten counties represented in the School.

X. Average cost of pupils, taking the course prescribed:

Board, . . . . .	\$	80 00
Matriculation fee . . . . .		5 00
Total . . . . .	\$	85 00

XI. Value of building, equipments, etc :

Buildings . . . . .	\$	15,000 00
Grounds . . . . .		2,000 00
Farm . . . . .		3,000 00
Furniture . . . . .		1,000 00
Total . . . . .	\$	21,000 00

XII. The greatest need of the School is more money.

XIII. The prospects for the next year very bright.

XIV. The great need of the school system of Alabama, is School Legislation that will enable the State to raise a sum of money that will more nearly meet the demands of the times.

Respectfully submitted,

M. K. CLEMENTS,

President, N. A. S.

PART VII.—NINTH DISTRICT.

REPORT (NO 1.)

BLOUNTSVILLE BRANCH AGRICUL-  
TURAL SCHOOL AND EXPERI-  
MENT STATION.

FOR YEAR 1896-97,

BY

S. M. HENDRICKS,

PRESIDENT BOARD OF CONTROL.

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HENDRICKS, ALA., July 27th, 1897.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—I wish to submit the following report in regard to the Agricultural School and Experiment Station located at Blountsville, Ala.:

April 17th 1897, received cash on Auditor's warrants .....	\$ 446 89
April 17th, 1897, received cash on Auditor's warrants .....	625 00
June 1st, 1897, received cash on Auditor's warrants .....	800 00
Total received.....	\$1,871 89

Amount disbursed to teachers and others :

To E. L. Blaylock .....	\$ 240 15
" J. R. Dewberry.....	350 00
" T. C. Moore.....	300 00
" J. M. Bright.....	250 00
" Margaret Wilkinson.....	150 00
" G. W. Darden, Insurance Agent.....	54 00
" U. S. Furniture Company.....	300 00
" R. Nation, Supt. Agricultural Farm....	120 00
" T. W. DeYampert, for wall map.....	3 50
" Board of Control, traveling expenses...	<hr/> 63 65
Total disbursed.....	\$1,831 30

REPORT (NO. 2.) SUPPLEMENTAL,  
(OF LAST NAMED COLLEGE.)

HENDRICKS, ALA., August 23, 1897.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,  
State Superintendent of Education,  
Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR :—Please find a supplemental to my report,  
which is from Prof. E. L. Blaylock, or recent date.

I. Number of pupils enrolled :

Males.....	180
Females.....	<hr/> 124

Total ..... 304

II. Number of schools, four—Primary, Grammar  
School, High School, and Collegiate.

## III. Number of students in each :

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Primary .....	52	30	82
Grammar school..	32	31	63
High school.....	70	52	122
Collegiate .....	26	11	37

IV Number of graduates : Males, 10 ; females, 4.

V. Number of teachers eight. Salaries as follows :

President .....	\$ 900 00
Vice President.....	700 00
Secretary .....	500 00
Grammar school.....	500 00
Primary .....	300 00

The Elocution, Music and Business departments received salaries by charging students in each department.

VI. Valuation of lands, including buildings, furniture &amp;c., \$6,000

VII. Current expenses about as follows :

Janitor's fees for ten months.....	\$ 150 00
Coal and fuel.....	115 00
Advertising .....	30 00
Brooms, buckets and crayons.....	10 00

The above is not reported as being correct, from this fact: It is made from verbal statements, more than from an itemized account book. Whether this will answer the purpose you want I very much doubt, but this is the best that is in sight, which I submit for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

S. M. HENDRICKS,  
President Board of Control

**PART VIII.—EXHIBIT I.—SESSION 1896-97.**

Consolidated Enrollment.

SCHOOLS.	Males.	Females.	Total.	States Represented.	Counties Alabama.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
First District—Jackson.....	100	94	194	4	7	11	9	5	4	
Second District—Evergreen.....	179	174	353	1	14	15	9	3	6	
Third District—Abbeville.....	128	87	215	2	4	6	4	2	2	
*Fourth and Fifth Districts, not organized till 1897-98.										
Sixth District—Hamilton.....	156	73	229	4	6	10	6	2	4	
Seventh District—Albertsville.....	177	149	326	2	7	9	6	2	4	
Eighth District—Athens.....	200	108	308	4	10	14	7	2	5	
Ninth District—Blountsville.....	180	124	304	2	6	8	8	3	5	
Total.....	1,120	809	1,929	19	54	73	49	19	30	
Average.....	160	115*	275*	2*	7*	10*	7	2*	4*	

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**PART VIII.—EXHIBIT III.—SESSION 1896-97.**

Financial Statement and Exhibit.

Schools.	Presidencies.	Total Salaries Paid.	Total Salaries Paid Teachers.	Other Expenses.	Total Remaining Expenses.	Balance on Hand.	Total Resources.	Value of School Property.	Remarks.
First District—Jackson.....	\$1,300	\$ 4,067	\$1,359	\$ 5,367	\$ 699	\$ 6,065	*\$7,000		
Second District—Evergreen.....	1,200	4,350	701	5,051	35	5,086	16,000		
Third District—Abbeville.....	700	2,025	4,101	6,126	1,322	7,448	11,100		
Fourth & Fifth Districts, not organized till 1897-8									
Sixth District—Hamilton.....	900	2,870	*933	3,803	*	3,153	4,000	*Deficit instead of a	
Seventh District—Albertsville.....	1,000	3,220	245	3,475	....	3,475	7,900	balance of \$650.	
Eighth District—Athens.....	1,000	4,250	925	5,175	1,425	6,600	21,000	Report not clear.	
Ninth District—Blountsville.....	900	2,900	305	3,205	40	3,245	6,000		
Totals.....	\$ 7,000	\$23,632	\$ 8,569	\$32,202	\$ 3,521	\$35,072	\$73,000		
Average.....	1,000	3,396	1,224	4,600	503	5,010	10,428		

## CLOSE OF SESSION,

1896-7.

PART VIII. Exhibit III, closes the report for the session of 1896-7; and as there were but seven of the Schools in operation, and several of them for the first year, we cannot expect as good results as from those that had been regularly organized for several sessions. Many of these Schools—all, perhaps, in fact, labored under disadvantages in the way of lack of finished buildings, with proper equipments, and requisite teaching force; as the exact amount of patronage could not be determined, and oftentimes (when this was known), funds with which to pay teachers could not be determined. At the close of Session 1897-8, I will give a general recapitulation of results for the two years.

**PART I.—First District.**

REPORT OF

**JACKSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.**

JACKSON, CLARKE CO., ALA.

REV. THOMAS E. CLYCE,

PRESIDENT.

1897-8.

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JACKSON, ALA., August 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—Report of the Jackson Agricultural College for the year 1897-8:

Number of students enrolled.....	164
Summary by States:	
Alabama.....	159
Kentucky.....	3
Texas.....	1
Florida.....	1
Total.....	164
Summary by Departments:	
Primary.....	68

## SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENTS—Continued.

Preparatory.....	46
Collegiate.....	50
Total.....	164

## Summary by Studies:

Number of Students in English.....	150
"    "    Mathematics....	148
"    "    History and Phi-	
losophy.....	62
Number of students in Latin.....	58
"    "    Greek.....	8
"    "    German.....	4
"    "    French.....	7
"    "    Music.....	30
"    "    Art.....	7
"    "    Agriculture.....	33
"    "    Floriculture and	
Horticulture.....	81
Number of students in Chemistry.....	4
"    "    Business Dep't..	7

## MONEY RECEIVED.

1897

June 9. By balance on hand.....\$	809 78
June 10. By Amt. State Treas. for quarter beginning April 1, 1897.....	625 00
Sept. 18. By Amt. State Treas. on tax tag for quarter ending March 31, 1897..	800 00
Sept. 18. By Amt. State Treas. for quarterage beginning July 1, 1897.....	625 00
Sept. 18. By Amt. State Treas. for quarterage beginning Oct. 1, 1897.....	625 00

## MONEY RECEIVED—Continued.

1898

Jan. 17.	By Amt. of State Treas for quarterage beginning January 1, 1898 . . . \$	625 00
March 1.	By Amt. of State Treas. on extra tag tax. . . . .	2,952 86
April 22.	By Amt. of State Treas. for quarterage beginning April 1, 1898 . . .	625 00
"	By Matriculation fees. . . . .	699 80
"	By Music. . . . .	334 67
"	By Art. . . . .	74 96
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Total received. . . . .		\$ 8,797 07

## MONEY EXPENDED.

## For Teachers :

T. S. Clyce. . . . .	\$ 1,200 00
E. S. Pugh. . . . .	1,000 00
G. S. Chapman. . . . .	
P. E. Townsley. . . . .	137 00
T. H. Gilbert. . . . .	78 75
Miss Willie F. Crum. . . . .	360 00
Miss Lucia Phillips. . . . .	315 00
Mrs. Dannie M. Aldridge. . . . .	360 00
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Total expended for Teachers. . . . . \$ 3,470 75

## For Experiment Station :

Sept. 1, 1898. Amt. to J. L. Ballard, Supt. Farm, for experiments. . . . .	\$ 125 00
Feb. 1, 1898. Department of Floriculture and Horticulture. . . . .	100 00

## MONEY EXPENDED—Continued.

Feb. 1. 1898. Amount to J. L. Ballard, Supt. Farm, for experiments on Col- lege Farm.....	200 00
April 1, 1898. Amount to J. L. Ballard, Supt. Farm, for experiments on Col- lege Farm.....	100 00
May 1, 1898. Amount to J. L. Ballard, Supt. Farm, for experiments on Col- lege Farm. ....	100 00
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Total for Experiment Station.....\$	625 00

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

1897

June 9. By balance.....\$	110 70
June 9. By Amt. to Postal Telegraph Co...	75
June 9. By Amt. to D. B. Henley, Photog- rapher.....	1 50
June 9. By Amt. to Miss Lucia Phillips, for art material.....	6 30
June 9. By Amt. to Dr. Jones for travelling expenses.....	25 00
June 10. By Amt. to P. E. Townsley, for col- lecting:.....	27 70
June 15. By Amt. to J. C. Stewart & Co....	2 65
June 15. By Amt. to Postal Telegraph Co...	85
June 17, By Amt. to Cunnington Hdw Co..	14 07
June 17. By Amt. to J. C. Stewart & Co....	130 98
Jnne 17. By Amt. to L. E. McLeod.....	248 00
June 17. By Amt. to Bolen Bros.....	66 13
June 18. By Amt. to Wagar Lumber Co....	39 97

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES—Continued.

June 19. By Amt. to Barney Cavanaugh Hardware Co.....	135 78
June 19. By Amt. to F. C. Turner & Co....	302 97
June 19, By Amt. to Mobile Drug Co.....	1 90
June 29. By Amt. to Empire M'f'g Co.....	58 48
Aug. 3. By Amt. to Jesse French Piano and Organ Co.....	10 00
Aug. 14. By Amt, to J. B. Carter, traveling expenses.....	13 75
Aug. 26, By Amt. to G. W. Powe, Express to and from Montgomery.....	35 50
Aug. 27. By Amt. to Alabama Printing Co..	40 00
Sept. 10. By Amt. to G. W. Powe, Express to and from Montgomery.....	15 40
Sept. 10. By Amt. to E. S. Pugh, traveling expenses.....	12 25
Oct. 1. By Amt. to J. B. Cater.....	23 75
Oct. 2. By Amt. to W. W. Pearson, Atty fee.....	37 50
Oct. 2. By Amt. to Brandon Printing Co...	76 40
Oct. 28. By Amt. to Will Richardson, janitor	12 50
Nov. 16. By Amt. to South Alabamian.....	7 75
Nov. 20. By Amt. to Donahew & Heneberry.	4 12
Nov. 20. By Amt. to Alabama Printing Co..	9 85
Nov. 29. By Amt. to Will Richardson, janitor.	15 00
Dec. 56. By Amt. to Clarke County Democrat.	2 50
Dec. 22. By Amt. to Monroe Journal.....	11 78
Dec. 22. By Amt. to Herald.....	14 37
Dec. 22. By Amt. to W. A. Daniels.....	55 00
Dec. 24. By Amt. to Mobile Stationery Co..	14 00
Dec. 24. By Amt. to M. & B. R. R. Co.,	

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES—Continued.

freight on coal.....	35 06
Dec. 29. By Amt. Jesse French Piano and Organ Co.....	30 00
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Jan. 7. By Amt. to Monroe Democrat.....	5 00
Jan. 14. By Amt. to Will Richardson.....	30 00
Jan. 14. By Amt. to Tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad Co.....	32 16
Jan. 29. By Amt. to Earl Long.....	17 50
Jan. 29. By Amt. to W. A. Daniels.....	1 00
Feb. 11. By Amt. to E. D. Dalbear.....	5 00
Feb. 20. By Amt. to Will Richardson.....	15 00
Mch. 17. By Amt. to Jesse French Piano and Organ Co.....	30 00
Apr. 12. By Amt. to Jesse French Piano and Organ Co.....	10 00
Apr. 25. By Amt. to Will Richardson.....	30 00
May 20. By Amt. to Williams and Rogers..	5 00
May 23. By Amt. to Julius Feiblemen.....	35 82
May 27. By Amt. to Will Richardson.....	15 00
May 27. By Amt. to Jesse French Piano and Organ Co.....	10 00
May 27. By Amt. to W. A. Daniels.....	5 75
June 7. By Amt. to A. M. Wing, sundries..	118 32
June 7. By Amt. to T. S. Clyce, expenses..	34 38
June 7. By Amt. to Alabama Printing Co..	40 00
June 7. By Amt. to Mobile Stationery Co..	10 00
June 7. By Amt. to E. D. Dalbear.....	2 50
June 7. By Amt. to Dr. L. O. Hicks.....	8 55
June 7. By Amt. to Dr. Cecil, traveling ex- penses.....	25 00

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES—Continued.

June 7. By Amt. to Mrs. D. M. Aldridge,	
Piano rent.....	31 50
June 7. By Amt. to Powe, Dahlberg and others, Piano rent.....	63 00
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Total.....	\$ 2,230 69

NOTE.—Ourstanding bills on Matriculation, Music and Art, to be collected, \$383.01.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. CLYCE,  
President Jackson Agricultural College.

PART II.—SECOND DISTRICT.

REPORT OF

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

EVERGREEN CONECAH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

PROF. J. A. LANIER,

PRESIDENT.

1897-98.

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EVERGREEN, ALA, August 1st, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—In accordance with law and at your request, I herewith submit a report of the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School, for the session of 1897-98, ending June 9th, 1898. With the exercises of last commencement, closed the fifth session of this school, and I am pleased to be able to report it as a session marked by progress, both as to the increased number of pupils in attendance and the character of the work done.

Our roll-book shows an attendance in all departments of 348 pupils, 176 males, and 172 females, representing eleven counties in the State, whose average age is fifteen years. From the increased attendance from year

to year since its establishment five years ago, and from other indications, I feel justified in saying that the school is increasing and extending its influence throughout this section of the State.

To give you a correct and definite idea of the scope and character of the work being done, I give below the different branches of study pursued, and the number of pupils, male and female, in each branch. Of course some of these branches are subdivided for convenience into several classes and other work distributed among the teachers :

	Male.	Female.
Orthography .....	160	150
Reading .....	138	132
Penmanship .....	160	165
English Grammar.....	46	60
Manual Geography.....	40	35
Physical Geography.....	16	20
United States History.....	46	62
General History .....	24	20
Arithmetic .....	96	72
Algebra.....	34	38
Geometry .....	4	5
Trigonometry.....	2	2
Agriculture .....	35	0
Horticulture.....	32	35
Floriculture.....	1	61
Physics .....	10	9
Chemistry .....	9	18
Physiology .....	16	22
Geology.....	2	2
Astronomy .....	3	2
Botany.....	1	61
Civil Government.....	6	12

English Literature.....	4	10
Rhetoric .....	15	25
Latin .....	22	34
French .....	6	5
German.....	5	5
Psychology.....	2	2
Book-keeping .....	19	4
Short-hand .....	3	1

The above work may be divided in seven courses, or schools, with the following number of pupils, male and female, in each school :

	Male.	Female.
I. Literary .....	159	160
II. Scientific .....	82	64
III. Classical .....	44	52
IV. Music .....	4	36
V. Elocution .....	10	33
VI. Art .....	1	16
VII. Business .....	19	4

Since the establishment of the school five years ago seventeen young men and young ladies have completed the full course of study prescribed in our curriculum, as follows: Class of 1894-5, one young man and three young ladies. Class of 1895-6, two young men and seven young ladies. Class of 1896-7, no graduates. Class of 1897-8, two young men and two young ladies, and were granted diplomas with titles of Full Graduates.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following are the receipts and disbursements of the school for the session of ten scholastic months of 1897-8, ending June 9th, 1898:

## RECEIPTS.

State appropriation.....	\$ 2,500 00
Public School fund for Evergreen District...	412 00
Matriculation fees.....	1,241 00
Prorata share of tag tax fund withheld by State, but subsequently distributed by order of Supreme Court .....	4,484 00
 Total.....	 \$8,637 00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries.....	\$ 4,380 00
Incidental expenses, including fuel, lights, janitor's wages, repairs of damages to buildings and furniture, insurance, ex- penses of commencement, etc.....	427 00
Catalogues, printing, advertising, etc.....	79 00
Expenses of meeting of Board of Control....	15 00
 Total.....	 \$4,911 00
Balance in treasury from former sessions....	\$ 3,726 00

## VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The value of lands, buildings, equipments, etc., be- longing to the school, is as follows:	
Lands .....	\$ 2,600 00
Buildings.....	12,000 00
Equipments.....	2,000 00
 Total.....	 \$16,600 00

## AVERAGE COST TO PUPIL PER SESSION.

The average cost to pupil per session of ten months, pursuing the regular course of study as follows:

Incidental see.....	\$ 5 00
Board.....	80 00
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Total .....	\$85 00

Owing to the very heavy expense incurred by the Board of Control in purchasing lands, erecting and equipping the necessary buildings and otherwise establishing the school, the full amount of apparatus and supplies necessary to do thorough and satisfactory work, has not yet been furnished the school. At the beginning of the last session a full set of chemical apparatus, and a sufficient amount of chemicals to properly illustrate before the class the subject matter taught in the text books, was supplied. Our most pressing need in this respect at present is a complete set of physical apparatus and a cabinet of geological specimens.

The school has established a nucleus of about two hundred volumes for a library, which is steadily being added to by the students and friends of the school.

The great number of books withdrawn and read from time to time during the past session by pupils from all departments, and the daily and almost hourly consultation of books of reference leads us to believe that no one feature of our school is likely to be more popular or calculated to exert a more lasting and beneficial effect on the student body than our library.

In concluding this report, I will say that the prospects of the school are very flattering indeed, and if no epidemic diseases, such as we have had to fear and contend with last session, or other misfortunes, befall the

school, I confidently believe the next session will witness the largest enrollment in its history.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINER, Principal.

PART III—Third District.

REPORT OF

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA AGRICUL-  
TURAL SCHOOL.

ABBEVILLE, HENRY CO., ALA.

PROF. J. V. BROWN, PRINCIPAL.

1897-98.

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ABBEVILLE, ALA., August 3rd, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR: We hereby submit the following report  
of the Southeast Alabama Agricultural School, for the  
years 1897-98:

I.	Number enrolled, male and female....	206
II.	Number of Normal students, male and and female.....	None.
III.	Number of teachers employed, male and female.....	5
IV.	Number graduates, male and female.	5
V.	Total amount paid teachers.....\$	2,475 60
VI.	State appropriations, Quarterly pay- ments.....	3,125 00
VII.	Other appropriations or donations..	None.
VIII.	Matriculation fees collected \$156.00, and Public School fund \$314.84..	470 84
IX.	Total resources of School, annually..	3,595 84

X.	Increased tag tax.....	4,033	11
XI.	States represented in our School.....		3
XII.	Counties represented in our School.....		6

The outlook of the School is better than ever before. We have reason to believe that we will enrol three hundred pupils next year.

Our new building is just completed, which cost, with all the furniture, apparatus &c., about \$14,000.

We have added four new departments in our School, namely: Music, Elocution, Art and the Business Department.

Very respectfully,

J. V. BROWN, President.

PART IV.

REPORT OF

FOURTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL AND EXPERIMENT  
STATION.

SYLACAUGA, TALLADEGA CO., ALA.

PROF. J. R. DEWBERRY, PRINCIPAL.

1897-98.

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SYLACAUGA, ALA., July 13, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,  
State Superintendent of Education,  
Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

In answer to your communication of the 8th inst., I beg leave to submit the following report of the Fourth District Agricultural School:

1. Number enrolled, male 158; female 129.
2. We have no Normal department.
3. Number of graduates, male 0; female 1.
4. Number of teachers employed, male 3; female 6.
5. Amount paid teachers.....\$3,100 00
6. State appropriation:
  - (a) For Agricultural School and Experiment Station..... 2,500 00
  - (b) For Public School of Sylacauga.... 385 00
7. No other appropriations or donations.

8. No tuition is charged, but a small incidental fee is collected for each pupil, and amounted to.....\$ 890 50

9. Total resources of school..... 3,775 50

10. States represented, 2; (b) Counties represented, 13.

11. The general outlook for the school in the way of improvement for another year is very flattering.

12. The departments of Music, Art, Elocution and Business, each of which required a separate teacher, were made self-sustaining, and the amount collected from these departments is not included in the "Amount paid to teachers" under Section 5.

The Academic work of the school for another year is divided into three departments, viz: Collegiate, Preparatory and Primary. The Collegiate department is supported by the special appropriation of the State for the Agricultural School and Experiment Station, and incidentals collected from pupils in that department. The Preparatory and Primary departments are distinct from the Agricultural School and Experiment Station, and are maintained by the appropriation of the State for public schools and the incidentals.

Your friend,

JNO. R. DEWBERRY.

PART V.

REPORT OF

FIFTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL,

WETUMPKA, ELMORE COUNTY, ALA.,

PROF. R. O. MEEK, PRESIDENT.

1897-98.

WETUMPKA, August 1, 1898.

HON. JNO. O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.,

DEAR SIR: I submit the following report of Fifth District Agricultural School for session 1897-98:

I.	Number enrolled, male.....	137
	"      "      female.....	132
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	Total enrollment.....	269
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II.	Number Normal students.....	None.
III.	Number Graduates.....	None.
IV.	Number Teachers employed, male...	2
	"      "      "      female..	4
V.	Total amount paid Teachers.....	\$3,200 00
VI.	Special State Appropriation.....	2,000 00
VII.	Amt. from Public Fund (County and State).....	74 70
VIII.	Incidental Fees collected.....	1,118 05
IX.	Total Resources of School.....	\$ 3,192 75

X. Number Counties represented, Alabama 8

XI. The outlook for the School is good within a limited sphere. We expect to improve in the school work and accommodate all the pupils who come, but we are embarrassed because we have not the money to finish our building, fence our grounds, build a dormitory for girls, and make other necessary improvements.

XII. The above report does not include the teachers (four in number) of Art, Music and Elocution, and a few of their pupils who are not in the literary department are not included in the 269 pupils. Nor did I include above the \$500.00 appropriated by the State for the Experiment Station.

Very truly,

R. O. MEEK, President,

5th Dist. Agr. School.

PART VI.—Sixth District.

REPORT OF THE

WEST ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL.

HAMILTON, MARION COUNTY, ALA.

PROF. S. T. SLATON, PRESIDENT.

1897-98.

HAMILTON, ALA., August 1, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

State Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

I beg to submit the following report of the Sixth District Agricultural School, for the scholastic year 1897-98:

1. Number students enrolled, male 144; female 64.  
Total 208.
2. Number of graduates, male 1; female 0. Total 1.
3. Number of teachers employed, male 3; female 2.  
Total 5.
4. Total amount paid teachers, \$2,425.
5. State appropriation ..... \$2,500 00
6. Tag tax..... 3,915 29
7. Public School fund..... 192 75
8. Tuition collected (incidentals) ..... 244 50
9. Total resources of the school..... \$6,852 54

10. States represented, 2; counties represented, 8.

REMARKS.

11. During the past year a dormitory for the accommodation of thirty-five students has been erected. Material improvements on the farm, in the way of fencing, tools, etc., have been made. New chapel contemplated next session.

As I have been elected President of this School, and as Prof. Cauthen is away, I have made out the report as required, and mail you to-day. I trust it will prove satisfactory. With kind regards,

I am sincerely yours,

S. T. SLATON.

PART VII.

REPORT OF THE

**SEVENTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL.**

ALBERTSVILLE, MARSHALL COUNTY, ALA.

Wm. F. FEAGIN, PRESIDENT.

1897-98.

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ALBERTSVILLE, ALA., August 1, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,

Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

I beg leave to submit the following report of the Seventh District Agricultural School, for session ending May 18, 1898:

- I. Students enrolled, 184: 121 males, 63 females.
- II. Number of Normal students, 50; 40 males, 10 females.
- III. Number of graduates, 9; 8 males, 1 female.
- IV. Teachers employed, 5; 2 males, 3 females.
- V. Total amount paid teachers.....\$2,800 00
- VI. State appropriation. .... 2,500 00
- VII. No other appropriations or donations. A fee of \$3 is charged each student at the beginning of each term of five months.
- VIII. No tuition collected. (See VII).

- IX. Total resources, including real estate and buildings, amount to about \$7,500.
- X. Three (3) States represented; thirteen counties in Alabama represented.
- XI. The outlook for the school in the way of improvements is good.
- XII. The school has improved every year since it has been in operation—both in numbers and class of work done by both pupil and teacher.

The Board eliminated the Primary and Intermediate grades from the school; so, you see we have not enrolled as many as last year, but we have had this year 118 boarding pupils, whereas last year we had only 48. If you add the number that would be in these grades, our roll this year would far exceed last. Those students that compose these grades are entirely local, and have the privilege of attending the Albertville Public School, which is in operation ten months.

We are doing excellent work when you consider our small appropriation. We need more money and we ought to have it, to come up to the full requirements of the law by which the District Agricultural Schools of the State are governed.

Yours truly,

Wm. F. FEAGIN, President.

PART VIII.  
REPORT OF  
**EIGHTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL,**

ATHENS, LIMESTONE CO., ALA.

PROFESSOR M. K. CLEMENTS,

PRESIDENT.

1897-8.

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ATHENS, ALA., July 26, 1898.

HON. JNO. O. TURNER,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to herewith submit report of the North Alabama Agricultural School, for the scholastic years ending September 30, 1898:

I. Number Pupils Enrolled:

Male.....	140
Female.....	114
Total.....	254

II. Number Normal Pupils:

Male.....	15
Female.....	11
Total.....	26

**III. Number Graduates:**

Male.....	2
Female.....	1
Total.....	3

**IV. Number Teachers Employed:**

Male.....	3
Female.....	2
Total.....	5

V. Total amount paid Teachers.....\$ 3,550 00

VI. State Appropriation.....\$ 2,000 00

VII. Other Appropriations... 300 00

VIII. Incidental fees..... 700 00

IX. Total resources of School.\$ 3,000 00

X. Three States, and six counties in Alabama, represented in School.

XI. The general outlook for the School in the way of improvements in attendance, and extension of territory represented, is good.

XII. The feeling of the people towards Normal and Agricultural Schools is improving.

Respectfully submitted,

MERIT K. CLEMENT,

President.

PART IX.

REPORT OF

NINTH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL AND EXPERIMENT  
STATION.

BLOUNSVILLE, BLOUNT, CO., ALA.

WM. J. BEESON, M. Sc., PRESIDENT.

SESSION 1897-98.

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BLOUNTSVILLE, ALA., August 1, 1898.

HON. JOHN O. TURNER,

Superintendent of Education,  
Montgomery, Ala.

DEAR SIR:—

The following is the annual report to the Superintendent of Education, of the Ninth District Agricultural School and Experiment Station, for the Session 1897-98:

I.	Number enrolled, male.....	108
	" " female.....	83
	Total.....	191
II.	Normal Students, none.	
III.	Number Graduates, none.	
IV.	Number of Teachers, male.....	4
	" " female.....	5
	Total.....	9

V.	Amount paid Teachers.....	\$ 2,100 30
VI.	State Appropriation (paid to Teachers)	1,815 00
VII.	Other appropriations or donations:	
	Encyclopædia Britannica, by Capt. Frank Burns.....	250 00
VIII.	Tuition collected.....	12 00
IX.	Total Resources of School: State Appropriation, \$2,000.00; Matric- ulation fees; Tuition for Students who do not take Agriculture; Li- brary fee.	
X.	States and Counties represented: States, 2; Counties 5.	

XI. Outlook for the School: With the small library added this session, the Science Lecture-room fitted with desk, chemical and biological apparatus, and a number of specimens of rocks, ores, etc., together with many valuable bulletins, reports, etc., sent us from Washington and the many Experiment Stations in the United States, we feel that the outlook for superior work at the School is very promising.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. BEESON, President.

PART X.—EXHIBIT I.—SESSION 1897-8.

Consolidated Enrollment.

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SCHOOLS.	Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.			Number Teachers.			Remarks.		
	Total.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Females.	Males.
First District, Jackson.....	*	164	4	*	12	8	5	Report not Complete.										
Second District, Evergreen.....	176	172	348	1	11	9	3	"										
Third District, Abbeville.....	*	*	206	3	6	9	*	"										
Fourth District, Sylacauga.....	158	129	287	2	13	17	9	"										
Fifth District, Wetumpka.....	137	132	269	1	8	9	6	"										
Sixth District, Hamilton.....	144	64	208	2	8	10	5	"										
Seventh District, Albertville.....	121	63	184	3	13	19	5	"										
Eighth District, Athens.....	140	114	254	2	6	9	5	"										
Ninth District, Blountsville.....	108	83	191	2	5	7	9	"										
Totals.....	984	757	2,111	21	70	92	56	Report incomplete.										
Average.....	140*	108*	284*	2*	9-	11*	7	32										

In getting the average, divide by the number in a column. The first column by seven, as two are omitted.

**PART X.—EXHIBIT II.—SESSION 1897-8.**

Consolidated Departments and Results.

SCHOOLS.	Courses Taught.	Primary.	Preparatory.	Intermediate.	High School.	Scientific.	Lectures.	Music.	Art.	English.	History.	Mathematics.	Business.	Agriculture.	Horticulture.	Number Graduates.	Not Classified.	Remarks.
1st Dist, Jackson . . . . .	5 68	7	46	40	50	4	95	43	77	30	7	150	63	148	7	33	81	.....
2nd Dist, Evergreen . . . . .	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	35	129	.....
3rd Dist, Abbeville . . . . .	3	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....
4th Dist, Sylacauga . . . . .	3	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....
5th Dist, Wetumpka . . . . .	3	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....
6th Dist, Hamilton . . . . .	3	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....
7th Dist, Albertsville . . . . .	3	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....
8th Dist, Athens . . . . .	5	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....
9th Dist, Blountsville . . . . .	4	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	“	.....

The same effort has been made in this table to show how these classified their pupils, but there seems to be little if any improvement over the former. Some means should be adopted to compel these Schools to use uniform courses of study. At present no two Schools seem to have but few points of similarity.

**PART X.—EXHIBIT III.—SESSION 1897-8.**

Financial Statement and Exhibit.

SCHOOLS.	President's Salaries	Total Salaries Paid Teachers.	Other Expenses.	Total Running Expenses.	Balance on Hand.	Total Resource.	Value School Property.	Remarks.
1st Dist, Jackson...	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,470	\$ 2,855	\$ 6,325	\$ 2,472	\$ 8,797	\$ *10,000	*Estimated.
2nd Dist, Evergreen.	*1,200	4,390	521	4,911	3,726	8,637	16,000	*Estimated.
3rd Dist, Abbeville.	*800	2,475	*2,900	5,375	.....	4,038	14,000	*Estimated.
4th Dist, Sylacauga.	1,000	3,100	575	3,775	.....	3,775	*\$1,342 D'f ct	*\$35,000 *Estimated.
5th Dist, Wetumpka.	1,000	3,200	500	3,700	.....	3,192	*15,000	*Estimated.
6th Dist, Hamilton.	*900	2,425	*1,000	*4,325	*2,527	6,852	*5,000	*Estimated.
7th Dist, Albertsville	1,000	2,800	*500	*3,300	304	3,604	7,500	*Estimated.
8th Dist, Athens....	1,000	3,550	*500	4,050	.....	3,000	21,000	*Estimated.
9th Dist, Blountsville	900	2,115	*500	2,615	.....	2,000	*6,500	*Estimated.
Totals .....	\$ 9,000	\$ 27,525	\$ 9,851	\$ 38,376	\$ 9,029	\$ 43,890	\$ 130,000	.....
Average.....	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,058	\$ 1,094	\$ 4,285	\$ 2,257	\$ 4,877	\$ 14,444	.....

. Stars in the top of the line show estimates; at the bottom, deficits instead of balance.

## CONCLUSION.

I feel that I cannot close this Report without calling your Excellency's attention to the following facts connected with the operation of these Schools, viz.:

First. As but seven of these schools were in operation during the scholastic year 1896-7, as shown by this report, with practically the same results as shown in the session of 1897-8, I deem it unnecessary to recapitulate and tabulate further, except to call your Excellency's attention to the following facts connected with these nine schools for the last session of 1897-8.

Second. I find the entire enrollment amounted to 2,111 pupils, or an average of 234 pupils to the school, and there were employed in these nine schools 56 teachers, including the Presidents, or an average of 7 teachers to the school, or an average of one teacher to 33 pupils. It will be observed, however, in some of these schools, that one teacher is often required to handle more than 50 pupils.

Third. Taking the reports furnished me as my guide, I find that the total income of these schools for the past session, from all sources, including balances from previous year or years, to be \$43,890, of which amount \$27,525 was paid in teachers salaries, and the sum of \$9,851 was expended in permanent improvements and running expenses of the schools, leaving a balance on hand of \$9,029. Of the total amount of resources, \$43,890, I find that the State has contributed either directly or indirectly about the sum of \$37,000; the balance was collected in fees from students and received from donations.

By examining these tables further, I find that the

average salary paid the Presidents of these institutions to be \$1,000; and the average salary paid teachers, \$491.

I further find the entire property owned by these institutions, taking the estimates furnished me, to be \$130,000, or an average valuation of \$14,444.

You will also observe that but little has been said, in any of these reports made by the Principals of these schools, upon the subject of Agriculture and the Experiment Station—which is claimed as the prime object of these plants. There are two reasons, to my mind, however, why so little has been said in reports to this Department. First: At the date of these reports but little could be told of the present crops, and the results from the various experiments. Second: Parties making these reports doubtless thought that that phase of the subject belonged to the Commissioner of Agriculture; and you will possibly be furnished with full bulletins from the Department of Agriculture.

Upon a thorough examination of the reports submitted to this Department, which is now on file as a part of the records of this office, you will find that this report has been compiled with much difficulty—owing to the fact these reports on file are not clear and accurate. It is therefore possible there may be some errors in this compilation; if so, they are attributable to this cause alone. I trust your Excellency will make some strong recommendations to the General Assembly along this line, relative to the Boards of Control and those whose duty it is to make these reports, that this Department in the future may be relieved of much annoyance and burden in compiling from illegible and otherwise unsatisfactory data.

In making this Report, as in all others issued from

this Department, I have used my best efforts to be fair to all concerned and present the facts as they really exist, that the people of the State may fully understand the exact status of these institutions. Trusting that I have accomplished this purpose, and that this Report will meet the hearty endorsement of your Excellency, I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN O. TURNER,  
State Superintendent of Education.



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